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OF THE

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LUTHERAN SYNOD,

OF THE

STATE OF NEW-YORK, &c.

CONVENED IN GERMANTOWN, COLUMBIA COUNTY ON
THE TWENTY-SIXTH, AND FOLLOWING DAYS
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Extracts from the Minutes of the 25th Synod of the Lutheran Church in the State of New-York, &c.

On Saturday the 26th of August, 1820, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates of the Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New-York, &c. convened in the town of Germantown, Columbia Co.—The place of Meeting having been changed from New-York to Germantown, on account of some apprehensions being entertained in the country concerning the health of the Metropolis.

On Sunday following, Divine Worship was held, and the Rev. President preached in the forenoon in the German Language, on II. Tim. II. 19; in the afternoon the Rev. F. C. Schaeffer preached in the English Language on I. Cor. IV, 1. 2.

On Monday forenoon at half-past 9 o'clock the Rev. President opened the session with prayer.

The following ordained Ministers, were present: viz.

The Rev. F. H. Quitman, D. D. *President*, Pastor of Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg.
Rev. Augustus Wackerhagen, *Secretary*, Pastor of Germantown and Livingston.
Rev. Fr. G. Mayer, *Treasurer*, Pastor of Albany.
Rev. J. G. F. Uhl, Pastor of Churchtown.
Rev. F. C. Schaeffer, " " New-York.
Rev. E. L. Hazelins, " " Hartwick.
Rev. P. W. Domeier, " " Stonarabia, Palatine and Minden.
Rev. Wm. M' Carty, " " Sandlake and Brunswick.
Rev. G. A. Lintner, " " Schoharie and Kobleskill.
Rev. Wm. Starman, " " Waldeborough, Maine.
Rev. V. Fuchs, Pastor of the German Reformed Church at Germantown.

The following Clergymen were absent.

Rev. Ph. F. Mayer, of Philadelphia, Pensylvania.
Rev. J. Bachman, of Charlestown, South Carolina.
Rev. H. Moeller, of Sharon.
Rev. L. Merkel, of Guilderland and Bern.
Rev. J. Molther, of Cooperstown.
Rev. D. Hendricks, of New Germantown, N. J.
Rev. G. B. Miller, Candidate, of Canajoharie.
Rev. J. Goodman, do. of Hagarstown, Maryland.

Delegates present:

Mr. Matth. Row, for Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg.
Mr. Michael Hidely, for Sandlake and Brunswick.
Mr. H. Shufeld, for Ghent.
Mr. Francis J. Bradt, for Albany.
Mr. Wm. Engelhard, for New-York.
Mr. H. Man, for Schoharie and Kobleskill.
Mr. J. Leib, for Churchtown.
Mr. J. Lesher, for Stonarabia, Palatine and Minden.
Mr. Ph. Deninger, for Livingston and Germantown.

The letters, in which, the absent Clergymen excused their non-attendance were read; that of the Rev. J. Bachman was accompanied by $50, as a donation from the Lutheran Congregation at Charlestown; that of the Rev. G. B. Miller, Candidate, by two sermons written by him in the English Language for the perusal of the Synod.

The Secretary read a letter signed N. Lawyer, Danube, Herkimer County, praying in the name of a Lutheran society at that place, to be supplied by this Synod with Ministers of the Gospel.

The Rev F. C. Schaeffer of New-York excused the Rev. David Schaeffer, a delegate appointed by the Lutheran Synod of the State of Pennsylvania to this Synod, for non-attendance, being prevented by indisposion from undertaking the distant journey. Upon which it was,

Resolved, That the excuse of the Rev. D. Schaeffer be accepted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented in a letter by the Secretary to the Rev. J. Bachman and his congregation for their liberal contribution.

After this the contributions were received as follows;

From Brunswick, - - -	$1 50
Sandlake, - - - -	1 50
New-York, - - - - -	10 00
Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg, -	3 00
Waldeborough, - - - -	5 00
Stonarabia, Palatine and Minden,	5 00
Churchtown, - - - -	1 50
Rev. E. L. Hazelins, - - -	2 00
Schoharie and Kobleskill, - -	3 00
Albany, - - - - -	5 00
Ghent, - - - - -	1 50
Livingston, - - - - -	1 00
Westcamp, - - -	1 00
Charleston, by letter No. 1. -	50 00
	$91 00

The Treasurer having handed in his accounts, they were referred to a Committee, to report upon them in the afternoon. On motion it was,

Resolved, That the meeting adjourn until three o'clock, P. M. Upon which the session was closed with prayer by the Secretary.

At twelve o'clock divine service was held in the German language, the Rev. P. W. Domeier preaching on John IX, 4.———

The Synod met again at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the session was opened with prayer by the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Treasurer's accounts, reported, stating, that they found them correct, and that the funds consisted at present according to vouchers of five hundred and forty-seven dollars, seven and half cents. On motion it was,

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The Secretary read a letter from the board of vestry of the Lutheran Church in the City of New-York containing several resolutions of that body expressive of their regret at, and in a manner remonstrating against the measure adopted by the President, to convene the Synod in the town of Germantown instead of the City of New-York; where according to a resolution of the preceeding Synod, it had been appointed to be held— These resolutions were read twice. Upon which the Rev. President read a contra-remonstrance, in which he stated the reasons, which had induced him, to change

the place of the meeting of the Synod in the present season, the chief of which was the apprehension of sickness in the City of New-York, entertained and expressed by several members of the ministerium. After some discussion of the above resolutions and of the President's contra-remonstrance, the Rev. F. C. Schaeffer and his deputy, for their board of vestry, and the Rev. President for himself, agreed, the former to with-draw the above resolutions, and the latter his contra-remonstrance. Upon which it was,

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed, to write a letter to the vestry of the Lutheran Church at New York, informing that board of the result of the above discussions.

The Rev. F. C. Schaeffer stated to the Synod, that there were several small Lutheran Societies in the State of New-Jersey, which desire to be connected with this body and pray to be supplied with Lutheran Clergymen, sent to them by this Synod, Wherupon it was,

Resolved, 1. That the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer of New-York, and the Rev. D. Hendricks of New Germantown, New-Jersey, be, and they are hereby requested to visit those societies at the Lutheran Village, Saddleriver and Ramapo, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, and also near the Wykoff and Pond Churches, and promise them on the part of this Synod a further supply of Ministers as soon as circumstances will permit; and,

2. That the Secretary be directed, to write to those Societies in the name of this Synod, admonishing them, to remain together and strengthen their brotherly union, so, that they may, by degrees, be enabled to form themselves into regular congregations.

3. That the Secretary be likewise directed, to write to the Rev. D. Hendricks and his vestries, and request the latter to allow their Pastor occasionally a Sunday, to visit those destitute Societies.

With regard to the request of Nicholas Lawyer of Danube; Herkimer County, to be supplied with Lutheran Ministers, members of this Synod; it was,

Resolved, 1. That the Rev. G. A. Lintner of Schoharie, and the Rev. G. Miller of Canajoharie be and they are hereby requested, to visit that place from time to time.

2. That the Secretary be directed to write to Mr. N. Lawyer, assuring him, that the Synod has attended to his request, and that the above two Gentlemen will use their best endeavours, to minister to the spiritual wants of the Lutheran society at Danube, when their time and circumstances permit.

The President having represented to the Synod the destitute situation of the aged Mr. Pfeiffer; it was,

Resolved, That the President receive from the Ministerial treasury the sum of twenty-dollars, to be applied by him to the assistance of Mr. Pfeiffer.

At the same time the deputy for Rhinebeck and Wurtemberg, Mr. Matthias Row, assured the Synod, that those two congregations would not fail to add, what might be required for the support of Mr. Pfeiffer during the present year, subscriptions for that purpose being in circulation.

After which a collection for the same purpose, to be paid into the hands of the Rev. President by the commencement of the ensuing year, and to be renewed every year as long as may be needed, was made by the Rev. Clergymen present, amounting to seventy-five dollars.

The Rev. E. L. Hazelins, principal of Hartwick seminary, being requested, reported on the present state of that Institution, as far as it regards students of divinity under his care and stated, that Henry N. Pohlman, during the two last years past, had received instruction in the different branches of divinity, and promised soon to become useful in the Church; that Jacob Berger, though he had not yet entered upon the proper study of divinity, excited the greatest hopes of future usefulness, and that Jacob Senderling, an intended student of divinity, was also in a fair way in his present studies. Upon which it was,

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Hazelins be, and the same is hereby requested, to communicate his report in writing to the Secretary of this Synod.

Resolved, That the vestry and congregation of the Lutheran Church at Germantown, receive the thanks of this Synod for the kind reception and entertainment, afforded to the respective members of this Synod.

Resolved, That the next Synod be held in the City of New-York on the last Sunday of May, 1821.

Resolved, That the Synod adjourn to the time and place appointed.

After this the Synod was closed with prayer by the President.

After closing the session of the Synod, the ministers agreed to send a delegation to attend a meeting of the different delegates at Hagerstown, Maryland, on the 22nd. day of October 1820, when and where a plan for the formation of a general, or central Synod should be discussed. The Rev. Philip F. Mayer of Philadelphia, and the Rev. F. C. Schaeffer of New-York were appointed to represent this Synod in that meeting.

FREDERICK H. QUITMAN, D. D. *President,*
AUGUSTUS WACKERHAGEN, *Secretary.*